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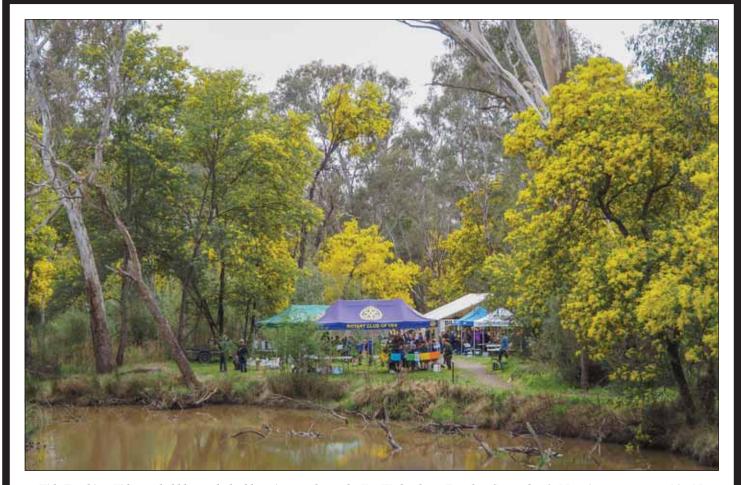
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Kids Teaching Kids was held beneath the blooming wattles at the Yea Wetlands on Tuesday, September 2. More images on page 14. -AR

High Voltage concert shakes the Yea Shire Hall

THE Yea Shire Hall was packed to the brim last Sunday, when guitarists from across Murrindindi Shire took to the stage for the High Voltage concert.

The event kicked off at 4pm, with local young artist Tilly Rose backed by Julian Laucius performing some of her original songs. Yea High School band followed, running through several covers before the main event.

The guitarists for High Voltage, led by internationally acclaimed artist and musician, Joseph O'Farrell (JOF) and guitar educator Chris Green, took to the stage amidst much excitement and performed a number of rock and roll classics.

Dindi Dance performed in front of the guitarists to send the atmosphere through the roof.

The High Voltage event was led by Yea Arts Inc, and proudly supported by Murrindindi Shire Council. A number of volunteers had a hand in bringing the concert to fruition, with over six months of work going into the project.

It was a successful night for the shire to remember.

Images on page 6.

Goats on the rail trail? Just kidding

THE Great Victorian Rail Trail between Ridds Road and Baynes Road, Cathkin was closed on the afternoon of Monday, September 8, to put in place a temporary goat fence. Goats will be used to manage vegetation along this section of the trail.

The goats will remain on-site for approximately 10 weeks. They will be securely contained behind the fencing and moved progressively along the trail as they complete their grazing. No further trail closures are expected during this period.

Goats are an ideal weed control option on sensitive sites as they

THE Great Victorian Rail Trail have minimal impact, and reduce the rail trail as a test, and council the need for other control methods are now expanding it further along like pesticides.

Council explained that they got the idea from a trial conducted by Parks Victoria and Pheasant Creek Blackberry Action Group in a sensitive gully which required minimal impact and was a great success. It was funded by the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce.

Goats have also been used locally by the Taungurung for weed control. Council also used goats at the Yet Wetlands last year.

The goats were tested in a single 400 square metre cell in May on

the rail trail as a test, and council are now expanding it further along the trail. They are using the same contractor as they did earlier this year and at the Yea Wetlands. The goats are pretty good at looking after themselves for the most part, but the contractor will be checking in on them and moving them to new cells when required.

People are more than welcome to visit the goats and observe them, however they are not domestic animals and are there to eat weeds, so we would ask visitors to not feed, interfere with or touch the goats.



The goats which were placed at the Yea Wetlands to get rid of the weeds. -S

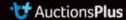


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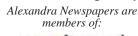
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<u>etters to the Editor</u>

Open Letter to Mayor Gallagher

AS a shire resident, I am writing to urge you to boycott the upcoming 'Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism' on the Gold Coast.

While fighting antisemitism is important, this event is not a good faith effort to do so. It is an all expenses paid junket organised by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), a far-right US lobby group known for attempting to silence criticism of the Israeli government.

The summit's agenda and speaker list are deeply concerning, featuring a former US neo-Nazi leader and individuals linked to the extremist Advance Australia group.

Council should not be associated with an event that platforms extremists and weaponises antisemitism to serve a far-right pro-Israel political agenda. This summit undermines, rather than helps, the real and necessary fight against all forms of racism. People who imagine that the alleged 'wave of antisemiticism' in Australia is unrelated to Israel's genocide in Gaza are deluded.



THUMBS UP: To the Chronicle for raising the issue of an off lead dog park with council and the great article about this.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down is a reader's contribution section of Alexandra Newspapers Send your Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down to editorial@alexandranewspapers.com.au

Contributions will be edited and/or published at the Editor's discretion. We request that this section not be used as a slander attack on persons, businesses or property

Please stand for the values of our community by publicly declining this invitation and refusing to attend.

Nick Legge, Taggerty

Mayor Gallagher response

Dear Nick, Thank you for reaching out. I hope you're well. I've had many representations on council's participation in this event over the past several months. On each occasion I have respectfully responded with the following:

The Murrindindi Shire community values inclusivity and strives to be a place where every individual is supported, empowered, and diversity is genuinely celebrated. Our council strongly condemns antisemitism and Islamophobia, as well as all forms of sexual, political, racial, cultural, or religious discrimination.

Our rural Victorian council will not be attending the Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism. In the interest of transparency and upholding our commitment to good governance, council has respectfully declined the offer of travel and accommodation compensation for this purpose.

I wish you every success in your mission of advocating for peace.

> Murrindindi Shire Mayor, Damien Gallagher

Swoop-di-doo

AS the weather gets warmer and the days longer, we also start to see the occasional swooping bird. Native birds enter their breeding season in spring, and some may get protective of their young.

Lachlan Clarke, Manager Statewide Wildlife Advisory Services at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) said, "Swooping is a normal, temporary behaviour for native birds like magpies, butcherbirds and masked lapwings to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are most vulnerable.

"Think of it as a warning sign. They're telling you to keep your distance. While it can be a bit unsettling, it's rare for them to

Swooping can occur in both urban and rural areas, including parks, gardens, and along bike paths.

"Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so the presence of magpies or other common swooping birds does not necessarily mean you will be swooped," Mr Clarke said.

This behaviour only lasts a short time, usually ending once the young have left the nest.

If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe, while also protecting our native birds:

Avoid known swooping hotspots. Move quickly, don't run if near a swooping bird. Wear protective head and eye coverings. Don't harass birds, as this can escalate swooping. Don't feed birds or destroy their nests.

Report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map by visiting wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/ swooping-birds

All native wildlife is protected by law. Harassing, harming or disturbing native birds and other wildlife is illegal in Victoria and penalties apply.

You can report wildlife crime such as harassing, harming or disturbing wildlife to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

RIVER HEIGHTS FOR THE GOULBURN CATCHMENT

STATION NAME	TIME	HEIGHT	TENDENCY	FLOOD CLASS
Goulburn R at Lake Eildon (TW)	12.00pm Mon	1.20	steady	Below Flood Level
Rubicon River at Rubicon	12.00pm Mon	0.68	steady	
Acheron River at Taggerty	12.00pm Mon	0.80	steady	Below Flood Level
Home Creek at Yarck	11.52pm Mon	0.31	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.23am Mon	0.57	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	12.00pm Mon	0.37	steady	
Yea R at Old Killingworth Rd	12.00pm Mon	0.80	steady	
Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin	12.00pm Mon	3.54	steady	
King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.58	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	12.00pm Mon	1.17	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	12.00pm Mon	0.33	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	12.00pm Mon	1.50	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	12.00pm Mon	1.36	steady	

*ISSUED AT 12:39 PM AEST MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2025

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September 10 - September 16, 2025 Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication

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DISTRICT RAINFALL

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Kinglake14mm
Lake Eildon11mm
Mansfield3mm
Taggerty 12mm
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Yea13mm

Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday

LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	276.59m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	
Metres below full supply	12.31m
Daily inflow	6500ML
Release	1100ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	39%
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Crossbench secures win for Home Care Packages

THE Australian government has bowed to pressure from the crossbench to release 20,000 new Home Care Packages for aged care, agreeing to amendments in the Senate.

Independent Members and Senators raised the alarm back in June that the delay of the government's aged care reforms would leave 80,000 people stranded on the wait list for in-home support.

The parliamentarians signed an open letter calling on the government to fund, at a minimum, 20,000 new packages under the current Home Care Packages scheme, to bridge the gap until the rollout of reforms

Crossbench pressure increased on the government last week, with questions from Dr Haines to the Member for Aged Care, a motion from Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie, and amendments to aged care legislation from Independent Senator David Pocock and the Coalition.

Dr Haines said this was a win for older Australians and showed the impact of the crossbench in the interests of the nation.

"I think we have seen a victory today that will bring practical relief to 20,000 people waiting for a home care package," said Dr Haines.

"This is proof of the positive and effective work the crossbench does across the parliament for the good

"The government had consistently rejected calls from the crossbench and peak bodies to release more packages that would help hold the waitlist steady.

"I'm pleased that today the government has seen sense."

Dr Haines had noted on Monday that the waitlist had blown out a further 50 per cent in six months and the department had confirmed no additional plans had been released beyond the attrition rate.

"The fact is that the waitlist for home care is getting longer, not shorter, and this is the last thing older persons and their families need, more delays and more uncertainty when they were promised the opposite from this government," she said in her speech in Parliament.

The bill will now be returned to the House of Representatives.



Kate Chaney MP, Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Helen Haines MP, Allegra Spender MP, Sophie Scamps MP and Senator David Pocock. -S

million reward for capture of Desmond Freeman

VICTORIA Police has announced a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to the arrest of Desmond Freeman following the murder of two police officers in Porepunkah last month.

Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart-Hottart were part of a group of police who attended a Rayner Track property on Tuesday, August 26.

The officers were executing a search warrant as part of an investigation by the Wangaratta Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team.

They were confronted by Freeman at his property about 10.30am, resulting in the two officers being fatally shot. A third officer was seriously injured after being shot in the lower body and is now recovering at home. The investigation into the deaths of the two officers and the serious injuries to a third officer is being conducted by the Homicide Squad.

As part of the effort to locate Freeman and bring him into custody peacefully and safely, police are offering a reward of up to \$1 million for information on his whereabouts that leads to his arrest. This reward represents the largest ever offered in Victoria for an arrest.

Over the last fortnight, a significant search has been undertaken by Victoria Police in an effort to locate Freeman, otherwise known as Desmond Filby

A number of heavily armed police officers from across a range of specialist areas within Victoria Police continue to undertake a significant search for Freeman, assisted by personnel from a number of other agencies. More than 450 police each day are dedicated to the search.

Freeman was last seen at his Porepunkah property on August 26 shortly after the fatal shooting. At this time, police are unaware of Freeman's current location and are appealing to members of the public who do have information about his whereabouts to come forward.

At this time, there is nothing to indicate that Freeman is being assisted by a specific person, however given the difficult terrain and the requirement for various supplies this remains a possibility. Police are also open to the possibilities that he remains at large alone or is dead as a result of self-harm.

Freeman was last seen wearing dark green (khaki) tracksuit pants, dark green rain jacket, brown Blundstone boots and reading glasses. Police believe Freeman remains armed and advise members of the public not to approach him.

Detective Inspector Dean Thomas from the Homicide Squad, said, "While the offering of a reward for a murder investigation is not unusual in itself, what sets this apart is that this reward is for arrest and not conviction. and it is the largest reward ever offered for an arrest in Victoria.

"This figure recognises the seriousness of this violent offending and our commitment to locating Freeman as soon as possible so that he is no longer a risk to the broader community.

"Our aim in offering this reward is that it will lead someone out there, who may not have been willing to come forward until this time, to contact police.

"There is no doubt that up to a million dollars is a life changing amount of money for anyone and has the potential to completely change their circumstances

'We believe this investigation will only be brought to resolution through assistance from members of the public and again, I am urging anyone with any information at all to come forward and contact Crime Stoppers.

"This could be sightings of Freeman, information you're hearing in your local communities, even suspicious activity on your property. Whatever it is, we want you to tell us.

"I would also like to stress to members of the public that if you see Freeman, then we need you to call triple zero immediately because this will give police the very best chance of apprehending him.

"Freeman has killed two people and injured a third, and it's immensely important that we can bring him into custody safely as soon as possible, hopefully this reward helps do just that."

Police urge the public in and around the township of Porepunkah to remain vigilant and report any sightings or suspicious behaviour by calling Triple Zero (000).

Anyone with any information about Freeman's whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at crimestoppersvic.

For the most current advice and updates relating to this search, visit *police.vic.gov.au*/ porepunkah-shooting-and-search-desmondfreeman-filby

Jason Robertson returns to perform

IN August last year, former Alexandra local, Jason Robertson, appeared on *The Voice*. It was a terrific achievement for Jason, and he's now coming back to Alexandra to perform.

When asked what he's been doing since appearing on the show, Jason said, "A lot of writing. The Voice has helped me work my way through some original stuff which I've been meaning to do for a long time. I picked up a guitar, probably a couple of years ago and then progressing with that, so *The Voice* has really given me the drive to get stuck into writing my own stuff properly.

I've released three singles, and I've got a fourth one on the way. It's going to be an album eventually, so looking forward to that."

He's been finding plenty of gigs as well. He fronts a band called The Funny Goats and they've been touring from the north side of Brisbane right down to Yamba. He said there have been "plenty of shows and a lot of solo stuff, which has been good... It's been a very busy time."

Jason will be back in Alexandra to perform at the Alexandra Hotel on September 18 to 20.

He said, "It's funny because when you're a little kid and you look up at what the adults are doing and look at the TV and listen to the radio and hear about what everyone else is doing. I remember playing my first show in Alexandra at the pub I'm going back to as a very raw frontman of a band. So to go back as an artist, as a solo artist is, well, it's a dream come true from a little boy's perspective. I can't wait. It's going to be great."

His brother works at the Meggitt's fish farm in Thornton, and he's hoping to see him. Sadly, his sister passed away recently. He also has uncles and aunties in the area.

He said, "It would be great to catch up with everybody."

He added that he hopes to see some friends from the area there as well. "There's been a fair promotional drive at the pub... I know these guys haven't seen for 25 or 30 years turning up. So that's going to be fantastic,"

Jason will be performing solo original music on Thursday, September 18 and on Friday, September 19, some solo 1990s cover songs. On the Saturday night, September 20, a Melbourne guitarist he's worked with for many years is coming up and they will be doing a duo. "That'll be just basically old school bangers all the way through the night," Jason said

He added, "If anybody's out there, any locals that know that I'm coming down, please come and say hello. I'm going to be there all weekend, during the day as well, so even if it's just to catch up, sit down and have a beer and have a chat, I'll be there on Friday all day, all day Saturday and then fly out Sunday night back to the Gold Coast. Come and say hello."



or by contacting 🛭 0427 509 988

An ad to look out for

AN advertisement for Toyota was recently filmed in Murrindindi Shire. The crew were spotted outside the Grand Central Hotel in Yea on Thursday, September 4.

On Friday, September 5, they were filming on the Black Spur, Maroondah Highway. It's understood that traffic was slowed in a section for two hours while filming took place, but there were minimal delays. All of the appropriate permits were in place, along with traffic management and Victoria Police.

Win a Let's Eat meal voucher

KEEN-eyed readers may have noticed that someting was missing from our Let's Eat page last week. It was of course the popular form which puts people in the running to win a meal voucher.

The form has instead been included on this page. Our apologies for the oversight. Now get busy filling it out. There could be a wonderful free meal awaiting you.



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Address. Email.....

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Out&About

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

There will be a public meeting taking place at the Molesworth Public Hall on September 10, starting at 7.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate new committee members for the Committee of Management for the Molesworth Public Hall Reserve.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Maindample online clearing sale commencing noon September 11, concluding noon, September 15. Inspection day 101m-4pm, September 11. Pick up day September 17. New tools, chainsaws, old mowers, farm sundries and much more. Visit *emblingrural.com.au* for full list and details or phone Embling rural; Andrew 0418 266 038 or Ayden 0427 924 944.

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Father Mario Hendricks
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1sl Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057
2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
4th Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm.
Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



For a \$10 annual fee for one line, your club or organisation's regular meeting dates will be listed each week. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members but also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Alexandra Museum and steam train rides open 10am-3.30pm.

******** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Marysville Market is on again, all your favourite stalls with home made cakes, local honey, plants, sausage sizzle, live music and more.

Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Walk. Registration 8.30am event start 9am. Rail Trail loop, Yea Train Station to Two Bridges. To register, volunteer or for more information visit gvsag.org.au

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Paringa Livestock Spring Yearling bull sale; 28 x Angus and Stabilizer bulls. On property from 1pm in Yea. For full details contact Tom or Olivia Lawson 0434 146 795 or email info@paringalivestock.com.au

2030Yea My EV and other electric battery powered equipment with Q&A. 6.30-7.30pm at Yea Butter Factory. For enquiries or bookings contact 0428 969 366 or email 2030yea@gmail.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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Don't miss Jason Robertson from *The Voice* at the Alexandra Hotel Friday and Saturday

night. Book for dinner, stay for the music.

WHAT'S

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Spring has sprung, Yea Garden Expo is on Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm at the Yea Saleyards. Entry \$12 at the gate \$10 online. Concession \$10. Under 16 free. To book online visit trybooking.com/DBYVD or pay at the gate. Free parking. Contact yeagardenexpo@ gmail.com or visit yearotary.org.au.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Alexandra Race Club AGM will be held at noon followed by a light lunch. Presentation of annual reports and election of office bearers. All welcome. Enquiries to secretary 0467

Be prepared for hay fever season

AS we enter the spring months, GPs are calling for patients to be prepared in managing hay fever, allergies, and asthma.

It comes following emerging evidence that climate change is creating longer pollen seasons in some of our largest cities, only heightening the importance of taking asthma and allergic rhinitis seriously. New data also reveals that Melbourne's pollen season is starting earlier and lasting longer.

President of the Royal Australian College of GPs, Dr Michael Wright, said that your

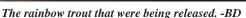
regular GP is ready to help. "Hay fever is very common, and it's vital patients who experience allergic rhinitis and asthma manage their conditions very carefully," he said.

"This includes consulting with your regular GP to ensure you have an asthma plan in place. Rather than waiting for asthma flare ups to occur as the seasons change and pollen counts grow in coming weeks and months, it's important to have a plan ready, including preventive medications.

"Melbourne is notoriously the allergy capital of the world, with almost a third of people experiencing allergic rhinitis, often due to inhaling pollens. However, this isn't a problem isolated to Melbourne, people in communities nationwide should be ready.

"Thunderstorm asthma typically strikes in our south-eastern states from October to December, so now is the time to be prepared. People with allergy issues are at increased risk, so again these patients should talk to their GP about starting hay fever treatment and potentially asthma prevention ahead of time. It's best to be prepared, and your GP is there ready to help."







Live music on the banks of the pondage. -BD

Trout season opens with Goulburn Fishing Festival

THE Goulburn Fishing Festival took place last Saturday on the banks of the Eildon Pondage, running from 9am to 3pm and offering a wide variety of activities for all ages.

Eildon Lions Club were cooking up a storm, there were samples of smoked trout, various

stalls selling fishing gear, and a marquee with children's activities in the main market area, plus live music.

On the opposite corner of the pondage, the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) and Fishcare Victoria were running workshops and demonstrations. They were restocking the pondage with rainbow trout and showing children how to fish.

People had fishing rods in the water all around the pondage, marking a great start to the trout season.



The banks of the pondage were crowded with children being taught how



David Kramer, VFA Aquaculture Manager, was chatting with attendees and offering free smoked trout samples. -BD

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The perfect time for the Yea Garden Expo



One of the beautiful garden displays from last year. -S

Goulburn spring fresh

WATER for the environment will be including research by river ecologists released into the Goulburn River this month to stimulate fish movement and promote the growth of native plants to help protect the riverbank.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority Environmental Water and Wetlands Manager, Simon Casanelia, said the annual water release was referred to as the Goulburn River spring fresh and was expected to run from approximately September 13 to October 12.

"Environmental water will greatly benefit native vegetation by wetting the river's banks and then receding, encouraging new growth," Mr Casanelia said.

"Establishing the bank vegetation is a high priority. Without this vegetation growth in spring, the bank would stay bare and be more prone to damage.

This delivery of water for the environment helps long-term stabilisation of the riverbank as native grasses, sedges, rushes and flood-tolerant native species will grow and thrive at this time of year. The roots of the plants help stabilise the bank.

The timing of the fresh is similar to last year's spring fresh which proved successful for vegetation establishment.

Mr Casanelia said this delivery of water for the environment would also increase habitat and food resources for native fish such as Murray cod, trout cod and golden perch, platypus and waterbugs.

"Because fish are more actively migrating and spawning in spring, there is great value in the spring fresh, even with the high winter flows we've had."

Water for the environment is water allocated and managed to improve the health of rivers, wetlands and floodplains. Use is adapted based on climatic conditions, water availability and ecological needs.

Decisions about using water for the environment are based on science,

and long-term environmental monitoring. The research and monitoring clearly demonstrates water for the environment, and in particular the spring fresh, is vital for improving the health of the Goulburn River.

Environmental flows are planned by the Goulburn Broken CMA in consultation with the local community, river ecologists, Goulburn-Murray Water, the Victorian Environmental Water Holder (VEWH), the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

These flows complement on-ground activities such delivering stock fencing, off-stream watering, weed control and revegetation incentives to restore high quality riparian vegetation corridors that are resistant to flood related channel change such as river bed and bank erosion.

The spring fresh is expected to benefit the whole length of the Goulburn River downstream of Lake Eildon. Flow will gradually increase to approximately 9300ML/day at Trawool and Shepparton before slowly dropping back to approximately 1000ML/day in mid-October.

Peak flows will be well below minor flood levels along the Goulburn River. At Trawool the river will reach 2.3m. The minor flood level is 4m. At Shepparton the river will reach 5.6m. The minor flood level is 9.5m. Timing and height of the fresh may vary depending on natural flows in the river. Delivery of water for the environment will reduce or stop if there is any flood risk.

The flows are authorised by the VEWH in line with its Seasonal Watering Plan 2025-26. The plan is available for download from vewh.vic.gov.au, with regular watering updates posted on the Goulburn Broken CMA website gbcma. vic.gov.au

THE Rotary Club of Yea's Garden Expo is almost upon us, running Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21, from 9am to 3pm each day.

This is perfect timing for gardeners, busy preparing their gardens for spring colour. The expo provides an opportunity to view a host of garden related products at the Yea Saleyards site (Flat Lead Road), just off the Yea-Whittlesea Road, a few kilometres on the south side of Yea. The site is flat, sealed and easily accessible and dogs are welcome, provided they are kept on leads.

There is a \$12 entry fee (\$10 online) for adults which includes free parking with concession \$10. There are ample food options available throughout the day, including egg and bacon rolls for the early starters, a gourmet barbecue, homemade soups and Devonshire teas in the kiosk, Indian food, and coffee vans.

Close to 70 vendors will be on site with exhibits ranging from bulbs, seeds, seedlings, flowering plants, and trees, to garden tools and equipment, garden art and ornaments, compost, fertilisers and more. Locals Darryl Callander and Darren Gilbert will have their very popular garden art available to purchase or order.

There is even a plant creche where purchases can be safely left until ready for pick up on departure.

The popular speaker program has been enhanced this year and will feature Black Snake Productions on Saturday at 12.30pm. A host of friendly native animals to learn about and engage with in a fun and interactive way. They are sure to be a highlight with kids and adults. An opportunity for visitors to both rest and learn.

Saturday will also feature Craig Castree at 10am, Charlie the Bee man at 11am and Ron Litjens at 2pm. Sunday speakers are Natasha Morgan at 11am and Craig Castree

This year there will be also free face painting for anyone on the Saturday. Bring the kids who have free entry.

Club members have worked hard to pull this event together and to try and improve on previous years. All the popular vendors are returning and there are a few new ones for gardeners to explore. The club would like to thank the Murrindiindi Shire for their ongoing financial support to enable this popular event to continue drawing visitors into our beautiful shire.

To check out the vendors present or for more details of the speakers, please visit yearotary.org.au and/or keep up to date via Facebook (Yea Garden Expo). Tickets may be purchased at the gate or prebooked via trybooking.com/DBYVB



A huge array of plants will be available for sale. -S





My EV and other electric battery powered equipment with Q & A

Ron Litjens, Ian Tobin and Alister Huth

Thursday, September 18, 6.30 to 7.30pm - Yea Butter Factory

How to electrify a Classic Car

Stall and Classic Car display

Saturday, October 11, 5pm until dark -Yea Cruise night on the median strip

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Student of the Week

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YEA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Congratulations to our Values Award winners from week six, Lexi, Isla, Hunter, Madeleine, Matilda, Dean and Indie.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Ted and Sophie were recognised for their commitment to outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

Student of the Week '

Proudly supported by Kinglake branch



High Voltage concert shakes the Yea Shire Hall



 $\label{thm:continuous} \textit{The guitarists played rock and Dindi Dance added to the atmosphere. -BD}$



The Yea High School band performed a number of songs. -BD



The guitarists were arranged in rows down the front of the hall. -BD



The Yea Shire Hall was filled to the brim. -BD



There was hardly room to move in the Yea Shire Hall, but that didn't stop people from dancing and enjoying themselves. -BD



Internationally acclaimed musician Joseph O'Farrell (JOF) led the performance. -BD



The atmosphere for the concert was electric. -BD



Julian Laucius playing the guitar for Tilly Rose on vocals. -BD

Murrindindi Shire Council News September



R U OK? DAY FILM SCREENINGS

Council is inviting you to join us in Alexandra, Kinglake and Yea for films, food and conversations to celebrate R U OK? Day.

Come along to one of the following screenings:

- Thursday 11 September from 5.00 pm at Yea Shire Hall for a BBQ followed by the film Runt
- Friday 12 September from 2.00 pm at the Alexandra Shire Hall for the film Runt
- Friday 12 September from 5.00 pm at the Alexandra Shire Hall for a BBQ followed by the film Runt
- Thursday 18 September from 5.30 pm at Ellimatta Centre at Kinglake Trust Reserve for a BBQ followed by the film Just a Farmer

For more information and to RSVP, call Council on 5772 0333, visit our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/ruokdayfilms2025 or visit one of our Library and Customer Service Centres.

DRAFT HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN

Council is developing a Health and Wellbeing Plan, shaped by community input from the Council Plan consultation, data, and local health providers. It focuses on mental, physical and social wellbeing, and priority groups such as children, young people and older adults. Once adopted, it will guide Council's health and wellbeing initiatives into the future.

Read the Plan and share your feedback at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/drafthealthandwellbeing or call Council on 5772 0333.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COMMUNITY VISION

The Council Plan sets our direction for the next four years and reflects the priorities, aspirations and ideas shared by the community.

The refreshed Community Vision outlines what the people of Murrindindi Shire hope our community will look like in ten years' time.

For more information and to read the Plan, visit murrindindi.vic.gov.au/councilplans

PUBLIC HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Council's Library and Customer Service Centres in Alexandra, Yea and Kinglake, and our Mobile Service, will be closed on Friday 26 September for the Grand Final Eve public holiday. Usual hours will resume on Monday 29 September.

For urgent matters such as stock on roads, dog attacks or unsafe road conditions, including fallen trees, please call 5772 0333 at any time.

For non-urgent requests, you can also lodge a customer request on our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/request

NEW ENERGY SAVING PRODUCTS FOR GMSS

Council can assist residents and businesses to access reliable and money saving solar systems, batteries and other energy saving products. Council is a partner in the Goulburn Murray Solar Savers (GMSS) program which has vetted products to allow people to access a range of quotes from trusted companies.

Available products now include PV solar systems, battery storage systems, hot water heat pumps, efficient heating and cooling systems, EV chargers, induction cooktops, insulation and more.

Learn more at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/gmss

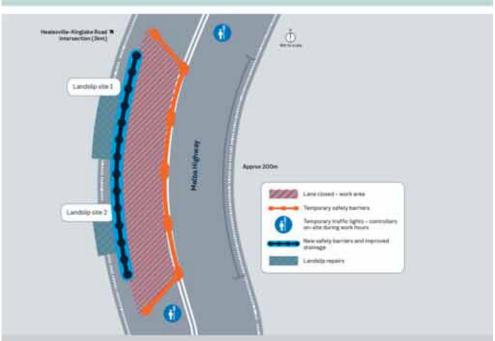




ELF READING DAY IS BACK IN ALEXANDRA

ELF Reading Day is a community initiative that promotes language and literacy skills in children through reading, singing, talking and playing.

Come down to Grant Street in Alexandra on Friday 19 September from 10.00 - 11.00 am and dress up as your favourite book character, or just enjoy the storytelling at a reading station.



Map showing the lane closure on the Melba Highway with temporary traffic lights, while crews repair the two landslips.

MELBA HIGHWAY WORKS

Transport Victoria are completing works to ensure roads in the Yarra Valley remain reliable, supporting local communities, business operations and tourism.

Upcoming works to repair two landslips on the Melba Highway in Dixons Creek, just south of the Healesville-Kinglake Road intersection will commence mid-October and are expected to be complete by early 2026.

For more information on these works visit transport.vic.gov.au

FREE PADS AND TAMPONS NOW AVAILABLE

Free pads and tampons are now available from vending machines at the Kinglake and Yea Library and Customer Service Centres.

This is part of Victoria's nation-leading \$23 million commitment to provide free pads and tampons in public places, now rolling out statewide. The program aims to make period products more accessible when and where they're needed.

Following a successful first phase across metropolitan Melbourne, vending machines are now being installed in libraries, customer service centres, and major sports facilities across the state.

For more information, visit the Better Health website at betterhealth.vic.gov.au/free-pads-and-tampons

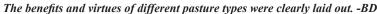
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Attendees listened intently to the presentations on the various pasture types. -BD

Valley Seeds show off their pastures in 2025 field day

LAST Wednesday, September 3, the Valley Seeds Field Day 2025 took place in Yarck.

Led by the team at Valley Seeds, there were workshops and guided tours of the company's research site, giving farmers and retailers an opportunity to inspect new and established pasture options.



The team at Valley Seeds talked attendees through processes. -BD



The team at Valley Seeds were happy to answer questions fielded to them by attendees. -BD



Farmers and retailers gathered at the field day from all around Victoria. -BD

Are your farm animals accredited?

THE National Livestock Identification theft cases or fraud and deception cases System (NLIS) is Australia's method for identifying and tracking of cattle, pigs, sheep and goats for disease control, food safety and market access purposes.

It uses an electronic ear tag or device, marking each animal with its own, individual identification number.

Agriculture Victoria Livestock Traceability Manager Ben Fahy said all cattle, sheep, goats and pigs must be tagged with an NLIS accredited tag, device or tattoo before leaving a property.

"While Agriculture Victoria is the lead agency in relation to livestock traceability related offences and issues, we work closely with Victoria Police when investigating traceability issues that may involve stock theft or possible deception or fraud issues,' Mr Fahy said.

Agriculture Victoria and Victoria Police staff are authorised under the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 as well as the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986.

Mr Fahy said Victoria Police have defined Farm Crime Liaison officers who offer expertise and interest in agriculture matters and on farm crime, including stock theft issues.

"Officers of both agencies undertake regular joint training in relation to the National Livestock Identification System and the use of the database which provides excellent data when there are alleged

involving livestock.

"Agriculture Victoria and Victoria Police (VicPol) regularly share information in relation to traceability and movements in the livestock sector and work closely in the field where required for current investigations.

"In the last 12-18 months, working alongside VicPol we have completed some high-profile prosecutions where charges were set under the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 and the Crimes Act 1958.

"Because of industries and governments commitment to the NLIS, Australia is able to provide assurance that livestock selected specific markets are traceable throughout their life. Our access to valuable export markets relies on our trading partners having confidence the livestock they are importing are backed by a robust traceability system and are healthy, disease-free and residuefree," he said.

All livestock owners or businesses trading in livestock have these obligations under the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 and Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017. False or misleading information about the movement of livestock affects both the industry and government's ability to trace livestock in an emergency disease or food safety incident, or to provide good evidence to trading partners that the origin and ultimately the safety of the livestock product are verifiable.



People were given a chance to inspect the pasture on Valley Seed's research site. -BD

Elders & Nutrien Store Sale	Total Yarding	Steers	Heifers	Cows & Calves
Number of head	1,869			
Average \$ per head	\$1,278			
Average weight per head	261kg			
Top price per head		\$2,810	\$2,370	\$2,900
Top weight		555kg	475kg	
Turnover	\$2.4 million			

INCESTIGE CONTROL OF THE RINGS OF THE RINGS

Upcoming Paringa sale and genetics information day

PARINGA is an established, local, family owned and operated seedstock business, centred around a passion for cattle breeding and sustainable beef production. Cattle are managed using holistic management principles to ensure soil and livestock health to produce fertile, easy care and adaptable animals that Paringa is renowned for.

Paringa focusses on producing the best Angus, Red Angus and Stabilizer genetics to elevate beef producers and give them the competitive edge to be profitable in all markets and environments. Their focus is on breeding balanced, adaptable genetics that lift productivity and feed efficiency, but not at the expense of intake and stay-ability.

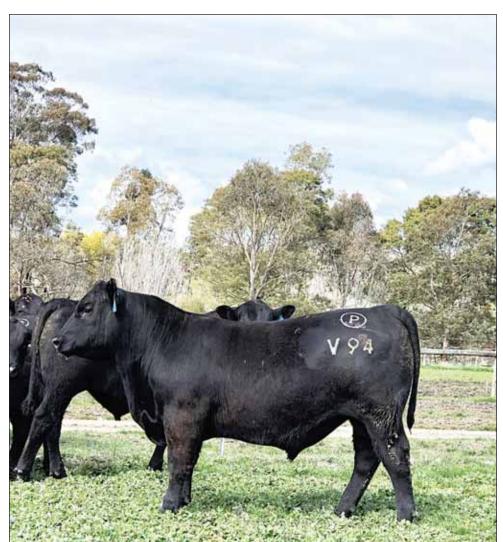
The current 2025 spring sale group represents the most balanced line up of Paringa black Angus and composite Stabilizer yearlings to date. With unique genetic combinations that have resulted in a group of bulls that excel for calving ease and carcase, with high performance, and excellent temperament, in a year that had them experiencing challenging conditions.

The way Paringa manages its cow herd results in tough, predictable, adaptable and profitable genetics. Cows are run using rotational grazing with zero supplements, and a "one strike and you're out" policy. With particular emphasis on breeding cows that maintain body condition and rebreed in six weeks while lactating. Bull buyers can have confidence that the dams of these bulls are not only fertile and tough, but feminine, with top udder quality, feet and leg structure.

Paringa's management system naturally eliminates cows that are too big or too small, using the disciplined culling criteria, but cows must also have the ability to raise a yearling bull to reach 450kgs at 12 months.

An added benefit of Paringa genetics is producing beautiful replacement females, needing less assistance, less inputs, easy care while producing an ideal carcase for feedlots, processors and high end MSA grass finished programs. Carcase feedback from Paringa clients as well as various carcase competition results have proven this. Overall Paringa genetics offer additional benefits; in terms of profitability, ease of management and are backed by Paringa's Bull Guarantee.

Paringa will be holding their Spring Yearling Bull Sale on Thursday, September 18, at 1pm on their property in Murrindindi. They are holding a Genetics Information Day and Bull Walk in Yea, on September 10.





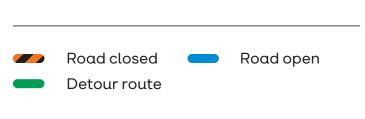
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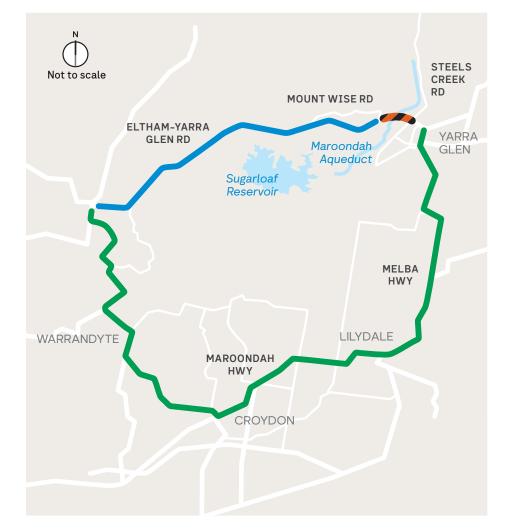
Maroondah Aqueduct **Bridge closed**

From 8pm Sunday 21 September to 10pm Sunday 5 October

Eltham-Yarra Glen Road will be closed between Steels Creek Road and Mount Wise Road in Yarra Glen.

Major detours in place. Plan ahead and allow extra time.









PUZZLES

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KID'S PUZZLES

ACROSS

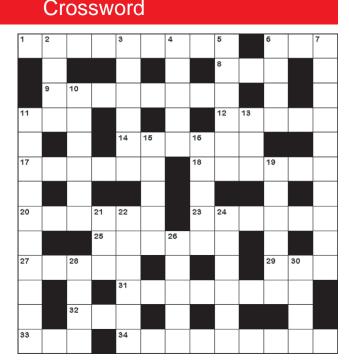
- Of surpassing excellence.
- 6. A stretch of turbulent water in the sea.
- 8. A shade of a colour.
- Much more firmly fixed in place.
- 11. A common green vegetable.
- 12. The planet on which we live.
- 14. At the most prominent position.
- 17. The head male servant of a household.
- 18. A sweet innocent baby.
- 20. Brown skin from
- exposure to the sun.

 23. Enrol in the armed services
- 25. All of a person's assets and liabilities.
- 27. The overhang at the lower edge of a roof.
- 29. The point where something finishes.
- 31. Approval from an audience by clapping.32. An object for children
- to play with.

 33. The day before a special event.
- 34. Person employed to load and unload ships.

DOWN

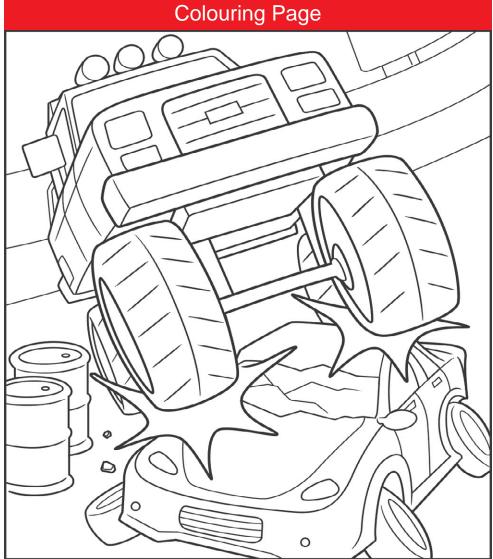
- A clever trick to avoid being caught.
- An association of sports teams.



- 4. A generally accepted principle.
- 5. Beat the seeds out of a grain.
- Bring up and educate children.
- 7. Forbidden by authority.10. Woollen cloth woven in
- 10. Woollen cloth woven in a crisscross design.11. The time when
- puberty begins.

 13. Took food into the mouth
- and swallowed.

 15. Write in basic block letters.
- 16. Eight singers who perform together.
- 19. Increases the size of a bet.
- 21. A small peg used to support a golf ball.
- 22. Checks and evaluates the situations.
- 24. Make ineffective or invalid.
- 26. More than what is needed.
- 28. Express your choice in a ballot.
- 30. Not very far away.



Word Search

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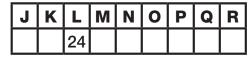
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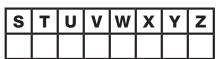
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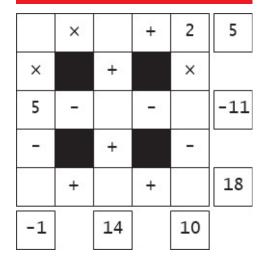
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Words starting with "U"

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UNCLE UNIVERSE
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UNFORTUNATE URGENT
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Math Square



Fill in the missing numbers.

The missing values are the whole numbers between 1 and 9.

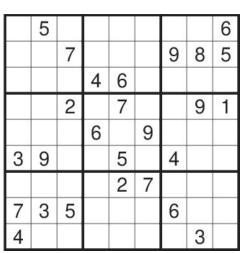
Each number is only used once.

Each row is a math equation.

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Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

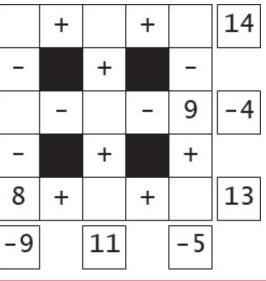
Sudoku



Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes using the numbers 1 to 9. Every row and column and every group of 9 boxes inside the thicker lines must contain each number and letter only once.

Math Square



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Jokes

Q: What time do ducks wake up?

A: At the quack of dawn.

Q: Why can't a leopard hide?

A: Because he is always spotted.

THRIVE

- Lifestyle
- Wellbeing
- Health



A day to remember the people lost to suicide

THE Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness walk is set to be held for the fifth time on Sunday, September 14 starting at 8.30am.

Organiser Jacky Gilbee said that it's going to be a big year for the event "because we're finally getting the speakers really up and roaring. This year we've got guest speakers including The Unbreakable Farmer Warren Davies. Everyone knows about him. It's been so hard on farmers this year... including the cost of living and the cost of hay has just skyrocketed, so we think he's very appropriate. We've also got we always have a local person, Ron Hockley. He's a local hay man and he's been around Yea and Seymour and all those areas for a long time, and he has a really good story as well. We're also going to have David from the band Stoked, who does acoustic music. We're featuring this year local identity, Tayla Arnett. We're also going to have the mayor, Damien Gallagher, to read out our honour list.

"We ramped it up a little bit. A lot of people will be wondering who painted that gigantic blue tree on the Melbourne Highway. I would have to say we had a lot to do with it. We always walk probably about 100 metres from it normally, so we're going to you give you the choice of walking to the two bridges closest to the Melbourne Highway, or you can actually go and touch the blue tree. You have a choice this year, or you can do both. We also will have Cruisin' Coffee as our coffee cart this year. We have a smoking ceremony performed by Aunty Angela of the Taungurung people, and we always have a free sausage sizzle by the Yea Rotary Club."

Jacky noted that all are welcome, including pets. "We're getting more dogs than we're getting people now, which is great. We welcome two legged and four legged animals, and we have lots of great merchandise, including dog bandanas. We're going all out this year," she said.

The event is just held in the morning, leaving people free to do whatever they want in the afternoon.

She said, "You have now a day to think about your loved ones and talk to people and not worry about the stigma of suicide."



The blue tree. -S

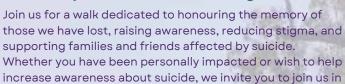


Always held on a 2nd Sunday in September

GOULBURN VALLEY SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Registration: 8.30 am | Event start: 9 am Rail Trail loop: Yea Train Station to Two Bridges



this meaningful event. **GVSAG Walk 2025 Schedule**

Guest Speakers this Year

Warren Davies, "Unbreakable Farmer" and Local identity, Ron our Hay Man.

Come and listen to their inspiring stories before your walk this year, featuring the Yea Blue Tree.

Mayor Damien Gallagher will read our Honour List.

Listen to acoustic music performed by the band "Stoked" featuring up-and-coming local artist Tayla Arnett whilst enjoying your coffee from Cruisin' Coffee Co.

Once back from your picturesque Rail Trail walk from Yea Railway Station to the Blue Tree and back, enjoy your free sausage sizzle from Yea Rotary Club.

To register, volunteer, and more info, visit gvsag.org.au





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Expressions of Interest – Independent Committee Members

Closing date: September 26, 2025

Yea & District Memorial Hospital (YDMH) is seeking Expressions of Interest for Independent Members to join the following voluntary Board subcommittees:

> •Finance, Audit & Risk Committee Clinical Governance Committee

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

The Finance, Audit end Risk Committee meets monthly to provide oversight of financial reporting, compliance, risk management, and internal / external audit functions.

Required qualifications and experience:

Applicants should hold professional qualifications and/or substantial experience in accounting, auditing, or strategic risk management, with demonstrated expertise in governance. A sound understanding of public sector management frameworks and an appreciation of the unique role and operational context of a small rural health service is highly desirable.

As an Independent Member, you will:

- Bring independent judgement and expertise to support sound financial stewardship and effective risk management.
- · Contribute to reviewing financial statements, budgets, and audit findings. Assist in monitoring compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.
- · Provide constructive challenge and ensure robust discussion of financial and risk issues.
- · Help strengthen assurance processes that safeguard the hospital's sustainability and integrity.

Clinical Governance Committee

The Clinical Governance Committee provides oversight and assurance to the Board in relation to clinical quality and safety, ensuring that the care delivered is of the highest standard.

Required Qualifications & Experience:

Applicants should have experience in governance, board, or committee roles, together with:

- Experience engaging with consumers, carers, or community representatives.
- Strong analytical and communication skills, with the ability to constructively challenge and provide independent advice.
- A commitment to delivery of safe high-quality care whilst upholding of the highest standards of integrity and confidentiality.

Familiarity with the Victorian healthcare system or with regional/rural health services will be highly regarded.

As an Independent Member, you will:

- Provide an impartial perspective, independent of hospital management and operations.
- Contribute to monitoring clinical performance and patient safety outcomes.
- · Support robust discussion on risks, compliance, quality improvement, and innovation. • Uphold the principles of accountability, transparency, and consumer focus in clinical governance.

Please use this link to submit your application: https://www.livehire.com/job/yeahospital/4PPKT If you have any issues, please contact our Executive Assistant, Chloe Harward on 5736 0490.

Yea & District Memorial Hospital is an equal opportunity employer who respects and is inclusive of our community's diversity including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Lesbian, Gay, Transsexual, Bisexual and Intersex, varying age groups, cultural backgrounds and abilities

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Our history: Essay on Yea

Yea Chronicle, Thursday, December 1, 1910

THE following 'Essay on Yea' was written by Miss Laura Johnston, of the Yea State School, obtained first prize at the

THE township of Yea is situated about 80 miles north-east of Melbourne. It is a very pretty place being situated in a hollow among the hills and mountains. If standing on Constitution Hill and looking around, the township may be seen below, and all round as far as one can see are ranges of hills with a background of mountains.

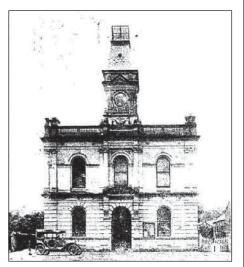
The streets with the principal business places and public buildings in them are High Street and Station Street. The post office, library, and court house are in Post Office Crescent.

Agricultural and pastoral pursuits are carried on in the district. Sometimes cattle sent from Yea get the highest prices at the Melbourne Market.

The local Butter Factory is a very fine building. It is a large, brick, three-storied building with 14 rooms, some of which have tiles on the floor and walls. The tiles are easily cleaned and look very nice. At certain times of the year, large quantities of butter are weekly sent away from the factory. Some of it is exported and some is sold in our own state. About this time of the year bullock waggons laden with bales of wool may be seen coming in from all the farms and stations in the district. The wool is sent away to be classed and sold.

Cultivation has been going on more extensively the last few years than it has been for a long time. We are told that some of the land, which was planted, with a cereal crop this year had not been under cultivation for over 20 years.

The sawmills are another means of support to the residents of the district. The mills are a good distance from the town and near them is some very beautiful scenery. In their vicinity, are some lovely



A 1923 image of the Yea Shire Hall. -S

fern gullies. There are all kinds of ferns, the most noticeable being the tall tree-ferns.

The residents of the Yea Shire number about 2600; but, of course, there are not nearly that many in the township. Mr Anderson is the president of Yea for this year.

The State School, English Church, Roman Catholic Church and Presbytery, Presbyterian Manse, and the private hospital are all situated on the Parade Hill. They look very pretty as most of the places are surrounded by trees of different species.

Five plantations of pine, and oak trees are planted through the centre of the town, and along several of the streets gum trees are growing. The bowling green is in front of the post office, and it has a hedge of cypress trees around it. The Recreation Reserve where the athletic sports are held is at the back of the main street.

The climate on the whole is very mild. Occasionally, there is a fall of snow but it very seldom settles near the town. Sometimes it can be seen on the mountains in the distance.

A reservoir built on Reservoir Hill supplies the town with water. At one time it was thought that if a weir could be constructed near Trawool and make a huge reservoir of the hollow or basin along the Goulburn River, it would be very valuable for irrigation and electricity purposes. If the scheme had been carried out, Yea would have been submerged.

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REDDROP, Jack Norman

A Celebration of the Life of Jack Norman Reddrop will be held in the MCC Members' Dining Room MCG (Enter Gate 2) on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 2pm followed by refreshments in the Long Room.

The family kindly ask those attending if they can RSVP via the following link: www.rememberingjackreddrop.com

In lieu of flowers, donations in memories of Jack may be made to the Skyline Foundation at www.skylinefoundation.org.au

The Celebration will be recorded and available for viewing at www.vividstream.com.au/live/ jack-norman-reddrop on a later date.

Parking is available at Melbourne and Olympic Park.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Yea Cemetery Trust is asking for tenders to provide grounds maintenance services at both Yea Lawn Cemetery (Meadow Road, Yea) and Yea Old Cemetery (Moyle Street, Yea).

Tasks required, but not limited to:

- Mowing and lawn maintenance
- Edge trimming wiper snipping Weed control
- Watering
- Grave site maintenance Installation of plaques Placement of ashes

- Removal of trees fallen/trimmed Garden maintenance around Shelter (Lawn Cemetery)

Interested parties are asked to contact the Yea Cemetery Trust, Lee Blake on 5772 0333 to obtain the RFQ document.

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of my soul mate

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now, you were

always there

for me.

I know you

fought as hard

and as long as

you could.

Rest in Peace

now. Love you

always, Deano.

SAVAGE, Lynne.

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to Jack and Riley. Cherished mother

n law to Paige and

Bessy. Devoted

nana to Tyler(dec),

Esther, Sonny

and Rebel.

When your beautiful heart

stopped beating,

Ours broke in two,

Knowing that here

on earth there

will never be

another you.

SAVAGE, Lynne.

A service celebrating the life of Lynne will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at the Alexandra Shire Hall commencing

at 11am. Private cremation to follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Peace of mind Foundation.

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Year 2000 to 2025 time capsule opening soon

In 1975, Alexandra Rotary laid their first capsule, when about 150 people wrote letters for a time capsule to be opened in the year 2000. That 1975 capsule was opened in March 2000, followed by a special event organised at the Timber Tramway Museum in September 2000, where the letters were displayed and the eager crowd received their letters.

A new time capsule was soon under way, covering the next 25 years. It was buried in Rotary Park in September 2000 and will soon be dug up.

There was a wonderful response from nearly 300 families who put an envelope into that capsule. Both local or ex-local families, adults and children from across Victoria, have left messages for their families or relatives to be read in 2025.

On Sunday, October 5, which is an Alexandra Market Day at Rotary Park, Rotary will display the messages from the time capsule near the stage behind the Alexandra Information Centre, the envelopes ready for collection.

It will be exciting to receive an envelope addressed to them and to find what has been included. Did their children record what their lives would be like in 2025? What messages have they left for their future families? The possibilities are endless.

Look for a full page in the September 17 edition of the Alexandra Standard containing a list of names of those to receive family messages.

A new time capsule is to be buried in November this year, to be opened in 2050.

Separating fact from fiction on accessing your super early

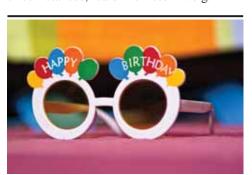
THE Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is warning against the risks of accessing superannuation (super) early to pay for non-critical medical procedures or lifestyle expenses.

ATO Deputy Commissioner Emma Rosenzweig cautions those who are considering accessing their super to carefully consider their circumstances and the impacts it can have both short and long term.

"Superannuation is saving for your retirement. Your employer pays 12 per cent super on top of your salary or wages as a long-term investment which grows over time and generally cannot be accessed until you reach preservation age or retire.

"Access to super on compassionate grounds is available in very limited circumstances for critical medical procedures and should only be considered as a last resort where all other options of paying for the eligible expenses have been exhausted.

"We have seen an increase in dodgy advice and misconceptions around when individuals can access their super early, and we want to make it clear that Australians should not be considering early access unless they are eligible and it is absolutely necessary for their circumstances," said Ms Rosenzweig.

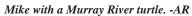


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Brave students holding a snake. -AR



Mike from Black Snake Productions and a student from Middle Kinglake Primary School holding a giant spider. -AR



 $Representatives\ from\ Murrindindi\ Shire\ Council\ sharing\ information\ about\ the\ new\ four\ bin\ system.\ -AR$



A long-necked turtle. -AR



Students were encouraged to share what they have learnt about the environment, -AR



Students from Alexandra Primary School with a platypus game at Kids Teaching Kids. More on page 6. -AR



Two of the young performers from Yea Primary School. -AR



 ${\it Students from Avenel Primary School. -AR}$



A student on stage with a python wrapped around his neck. -AR



Students from Yea Primary School performed a play. -AR



Buxton Primary School students. -AR

SPORT

Grants to upgrade local sports facilities across Victoria

THE Victorian Government is backing better facilities for grassroots sport and local communities.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes encouraged applications for the 2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF), which creates better places to play, train and compete across Victoria.

"Sport is the heart and soul of Northern Victoria, we are getting on with upgrading infrastructure so clubs can keep up with soaring demand, while also making them accessible and more inclusive," Ms Symes said.

"I urge eligible councils and sporting organisations to partner and apply for projects that will make a real difference to our community."

The fund was extended in the Victorian Budget 2025/26 and has three streams including community facilities, community sports lighting, and planning with councils being able to apply for between \$40,000 and \$500,000 for projects.

Potential projects include new or improved sports courts, lights, change rooms, playgrounds and skate parks, to benefit local clubs and communities.

All Victorian councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria are eligible to apply in partnership with their local sport and recreation clubs, sport associations and leagues with a focus on projects that will support local communities and groups to increase participation including among women and girls.

Previous projects in Northern Victoria to receive grants from the Local Sports

Infrastructure Fund include funding towards Wahgunyah Pump Track, Seymour Tennis Complex Lighting Project and the Robinvale

This announcement comes off the back of more than \$24 million invested in regional sports facilities in July through round two of the Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund.

The Victorian Budget 2025/26 is also investing \$20 million to continue providing new and improved community sports infrastructure, including through the LSIF. It's part of more than \$2.4 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure over the past decade.

For more information about the fund and to apply visit sport.vic.gov.au

Applications close on December 2.

More cost of living support for kids to play sport coming

THE Victorian Government is helping busy families with the cost of living and supporting sports clubs to sign up more kids to local sports with another round of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program opening next month.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence recently announced registrations are open for sporting clubs and organisations to become a Get Active Kids Activity Provider ahead of round nine of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program, opening in October.

"We're cutting the cost of living for Victorian families with cheaper access to kids sports and activities, helping more get involved in community sport and live a healthy active life," Ms Spence said.

"We know the vouchers are making a difference, with almost 20 percent of recipients joining a sports club for the first time. That's thousands of young people getting involved in sport thanks to this program."

Clubs and sporting organisations can register as a provider, which allows families to sign up their kids by using the voucher up front and reducing out-ofpocket expenses.

Eligible families with health care or other concession cards will be able to apply for vouchers of up to \$200 per child. Families apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at an activity provider like a local sporting club.

To be eligible for registration as an activity provider, clubs and sporting organisations must be affiliated with a recognised State Sporting Association or State Sport and Active Recreation Body.

Since the program launched in 2020, almost 190,000 vouchers have been provided to families and 2100 activity providers have registered, opening up more opportunities across Victoria for kids to play sports.

It's not just the kids that benefit, by being a provider, clubs get more memberships and can provide more opportunities for kids to get involved.

There are two rounds of the popular program in 2025-26, with the first opening in October followed by another round in February 2026.

The program is open to kids aged up to 18 who are named on a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and named on a Medicare Card.

A special consideration stream is also available to support children in care, temporary or provisional visa holders, migrants and international students.

Eligible clubs can register now at getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Kev's monthly medal

by Alan Pell

YEA Golf Club had 30 men and eight ladies playing last Saturday. Judging by the scores the newly cored greens played well and will only improve in the coming weeks.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have returned the course to very good conditions after the rain/coring.

Winner of the monthly medal with a nett 67 was Kevin Coghlan (21). He also won the putting with 23 putts.

Second was youngster Jobe Dunne (26) nett 68 with Brian Simmons (13) nett 68 third, Neil Peterson (16) nett 70 fourth and Chris Dunne (7) nett 70 fifth. Strangely there was no nearest the pin on the second and Andrew Bohn won the club award.

Brian Simmons 68 defeated Andrew La Grutta 71 in the first semifinal of the club knockout . Gary Pollard/Steve Rumney are in the second semifinal.

In the ladies, Di Elliott (26) with nett 76 won on countback from Sharon

Wednesday sees the ladies playing the Dori Chambers Cup, foursomes, while the men play stableford. Thursday sees Vets at Euroa Golf Club and the club need to see as many 'Yealiens' attend as possible. Reminder that Yea Golf Club is hosting the Vets Xmas day in December.

After a week of constant rain and winter like weather, members and guest were treated to a more spring style day for their stableford event last Wednesday.

Johnathon Fisher (16) relished the conditions with a fine 37 points to take out the men's event. Greg Clements (18) with 35 points survived a countback from Mick Spagnolo (8) to claim second spot. New member Gavin Houldcroft (37) continued to show improvement, posting 34 points and finishing fourth.

Neil Peterson, one of the club's great volunteers collected the week's club award.

In the ladies' stableford event, visitor Margaret Bailey (34) displayed great skill in posting the best score of the day 38 points to take home the chocolates. Miranda Gill (17) with 28 points was second and Di Elliott (26) took out third place with 26 points.



Coring and rain during the previous week at Yea Golf Club. -S

Final round farewell as finalists tussle in epic contests

by Judy Sands and Rhonda Carpenter

AFTER a grey sky start glorious sunshine burst through for the final round of the winter competition with two matches in Mansfield and two in Euroa.

Euroa versus Seven Creeks

Top side Euroa faced Seven Creeks who had come to play. Rowena Ellis, Nicola Enright, Carmel Linehan and Mary Kelly managed to win one set eight to five, and narrowly lost one six to eight and yet another in a tiebreak, in their last match.

Euroa's Lyndall Bigland, Faye Mollison, Mary Dewis and Lyn Pierce were given a good workout in the lengthy contest. Euroa won 5/45 to 1/28.

Delatite versus Mansfield

Delatite met Mansfield in another local derby with Karyn Fraser, Carolyn Murray, Kass Thomas and Deb Mims battling hard all day. Mansfield's Michelle Pigdon, Keira McDonagh, Sophie Yencken and Clare Beecham found their rhythm but were challenged by Carolyn and Kass in their final set taking it to a tiebreak. Keira and Sophie snatched the breaker, so Mansfield won every set 6/48 to 0/26 in an almighty tussle.

Wappan versus Benalla

Wappan welcomed Benalla onto their superbly groomed courts aspiring for the major points to push them up from fourth spot.

Benalla's Claire Sharp, Maureen Jewell, and Deb Siggers felt grateful Di Bergelin would join them against her own team. Di and Deb made a fast start going up two to zero against Rhonda Carpenter and Carol Watts in an arm wrestle reaching three games all with multiple deuce games and lengthy rallies. The rattled Wappan pair steadied and took the set eight to three.

Anna Speirs and Jenny Bell made short work of their opening set eight to two. Wappan

stamped their authority on the contest in the next pairs taking both eight to zero. There was mention of 'moonies' and meetings at Millers corner in Benalla in the enjoyable contest.

Anna and Carol needed to lift in their final set with Claire and Deb taking it up to them six to eight. Wappan won 6/48 to 0/13 earning the coveted 10 points to put them into third spot.

Moglonemby versus Terip

The match of the day was an epic contest between the second and third placed teams. Moglonemby's Judy Sands, Marlene Hanrahan, Danielle Scottis and Lisa Krepp hosted Terip's Cindy Hayes, Phoebe Macdermid, Meg Ford and Jenny Martin in a game that would shape the final four.

Both teams gave their all with the first set between Judy and Marlene and Cindy and Phoebe lasting an hour and 23 minutes with Cindy and Phoebe winning the marathon set eight to seven. On the other court a much

quicker set with Meg and Jenny winning eight to two and then Terip claimed the next

With both teams hoping the final two sets would be quick the rallies got longer as every player lifted their game to the next level, with Moglonemby winning both sets in tie breaks. Judy and Lisa mounted an almighty comeback at two to six down in their breaker to win it.

The final score saw Terip win 4-46 to 2-35. Moglonemby may have lost but they had so much fun and with Terip giving them so much encouragement they felt like winners.

Next week the semifinals will be held in Mansfield commencing at 10.30am. Spectators most welcome.

Euroa versus Moglonemby; Terip versus Wappan; winners to progress to Grand Final.

Final ladder: Euroa 115.5. Terip 102, Wappan 98, Moglonemby 96.5, Mansfield 82, Benalla 63.5, Creighton's Creek 52.5, Seven Creeks 36, Delatite 29.

The Chromicle Sport Snorts Editorial: snorts@alexandranewspapers.com.au



Grand final wins for Yea under 11 and under 15 netballers

by Joanne Madden

IT was a miserable weather day at Kings Park in Seymour on Sunday, but that didn't stop Yea Football Netball Club's under 11 and under 15 junior netball teams from being on fire.

The under 11s played a very tight contest, as expected, against St Mary's. These two teams have battled in close games all season, and this match was no exception, with Yea victorious by just one goal. It was an awesome game, and the club congratulate St Mary's on a hard-fought Grand Final and some great matchups throughout the home-and-away season.

The under 15 result wasn't as close on the scoreboard, but the Seymour Lions took it right up to the girls before going down by 10 goals in the end.

Grand Finals do not come around that often, and to be in a winning one is extra special. Congratulations to you all.

The youngest Tigers, the under 11 development squad, played in a Lightning Premiership and showcased all the improvements they have made throughout the season. It has been a pleasure to watch this team grow and improve as the weeks have gone on.



The Yea under 11 development squad Lightning Premiership. -S



The Yea under 11 premiership netball team of 2025. -S



The Yea under 15 netball premiership team with their premiership medallions. -S

First day of spring brought out bowlers in numbers

by Angela Finn

WITH spring in their step, Ken Eade, Darren Sherman and 'Jezza' from Euroa, were the overall winners of the Yea Pharmacy Monday Triples at the Yea Bowls Club on September 1.

In ideal conditions, and with the largest number of bowlers taking part for some time, three teams won all three games, with the overall winners finishing four shots up from the runners-up: Leonard, Maurie, Tiny and Harris.

The club says a special thanks to Jeff Green who does a sterling job organising the Monday Triples each week; and to the Yea Pharmacy who is the sponsor of Monday Triples for the month of September.

The Thursday Pairs will continue throughout September with new and experienced bowlers welcome to take part. Starting time remains at 1pm. Please have your name in by 12.30pm.



Ken, Jezza (from Euroa Bowls Club) and Darren were the Monday Triples winners at Yea Bowls Club last week. -S

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